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WHEREAS; investing in, protecting, and supporting public health, expanding access to healthcare, and relying on science to make informed policy decisions has never been more

WHEREAS; Public Health Week, this year and every year, renews our resolve to ensure that everyone in our state has the opportunity to be healthy—regardless of where they live or how much money they make; and

WHEREAS; public health professionals work every day to provide disease surveillance and control measures, environmental protection, health education, research, policy development, and ensure access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS; public health has played an important role in promoting the social determinants of health and increasing the importance of considering conditions such as housing, education, and social connection as important considerations to improve the health of populations; and

WHEREAS; this year's celebration of Public Health Week comes at a time of unprecedented and extraordinary challenges as our state, our country, and people across the world face the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS; public health workers are fighting on the frontlines in responding to and working to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 across our state; and

WHEREAS; it is in the most difficult of circumstances and situations where we seek hope in selflessness, unity in sacrifice, and strength in empathy; and

WHEREAS; it is in the selflessness, sacrifice, and empathy of our public health workers, compelled by duty and the promise and spirit of serving a cause greater than themselves, that we find hope, unity, and strength; and

WHEREAS; during this Public Health Week, we express our sincerest appreciation and gratitude to the public health workers who rise to this occasion each day, heeding the call of our families, our neighbors, and our communities in this time of crisis as they work to save lives and keep people safe;

> THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 6 – 12, 2020, as

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isconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 6th day of April 2020.

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